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Our Case No. 11336/622

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PIERRE ZAKARAUSKAS ET AL.

Serial No. 09/576,656

Filing Date: May 22, 2000

For METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE  
QUALITY OF AN ACOUSTIC  
SIGNAL

Examiner Lun S. Lao

Group Art Unit No. 2643

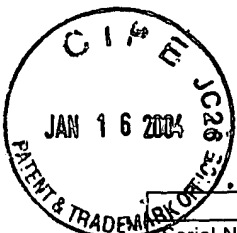
AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003, please consider the following:

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 11336/622
Serial No. 09/576,656	Filing Date May 22, 2000	Examiner Lun S. Lao	Group Art Unit 2643
Inventor(s) PIERRE ZAKARAUSKAS ET AL.			
Title of Invention METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF AN ACOUSTIC SIGNAL			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment and return post card.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Indep.		Minus			x 43 =			x \$86 =	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+ \$145 =			+ \$290 =	
					Total add'l fee	\$		Total add'l fee	\$

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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